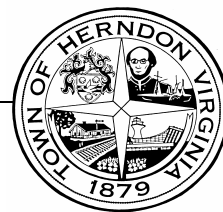


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TOWN OF HERNDON JOINS NORTHERN VIRGINIA JURISDICTIONS IN CELEBRATION OF BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

Herndon, VA (April 22, 2008) – The Herndon Town Council this evening approved a resolution that recognizes Building Safety Week in the Town for the week of May 5-11, thereby approving the Town's participation in region-wide events marking the occasion.

According to John Orrison, building official for the Town, Building Safety Week launches with a kick-off breakfast on May 2 in Alexandria; in addition to the Town of Herndon, in attendance will be the participating jurisdictions of Arlington and Fairfax Counties and the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax.

Throughout the weekend of May 3-4, representatives from participating jurisdictions will be at Home Depot stores throughout the region, handing out fliers and pamphlets related to building safety, code information, permit processes and environmentally-friendly "Green Buildings." Orrison and members of his staff will be at the Home Depot at the corner of Baron Cameron Rd. and Reston Parkway from 9am to 6pm both days.

"Ensuring the safety and structural soundness of commercial and residential buildings is a critical function of local government," said Orrison. "Building Safety Week gives us an opportunity to educate citizens about the importance of adhering to codes and processes related to safe buildings."

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens.

Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. *Business Week* Magazine has named Herndon one of the nation's "Best Affordable Suburbs."

For more information, visit the Town's website at www.herndon-va.gov.

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